(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). Rural electrification by solar energy is done through the deployment of Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) systems as Home Lighting Systems, Village Street Lights and Solar Lanterns. The Home Lighting Systems and Street Lights consist of SPV modules and other components such as batteries, structures, cables, etc. The price of SPV modules has generally declined over the last few years from Rs. 225 per watt peak in 1992 to Rs. 165 per watt peak in 1995. However, the costs of the other components of SPV systems have some-what increased during this period. Therefore, on the whole, there has not been a significant change in the price of complete SPV systems during the last few years. However, the prices of Solar Lanterns have declined from Rs. 5,000/- in 1992 to around Rs. 4,000/- in 1995.

The present cost of SPV modules is in the range of Rs. 180 - 200 per watt peak. The costs of SPV Lantern, Home Lighting System and Street Lighting System are in the range of Rs. 3,800 to 4,300, 11,000 to 12,000 and Rs. 22,000 respectively. The cost of a village level SPV power plant varies from Rs. 3.5 to 4 lakhs per kilowatt peak.

(c) and (d). The Government does not fix the price of SPV systems/power plants. These are procured by the programme implementing agencies through competitive bidding processes.

(e) Does not arise.

Ban on Commercial Activity

3922. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are not takers of DDA's commercial properties;

(b) if so, the fact thereof;

(c) the number of properties out of these taken possession of; and

(d) the measures taken to implement the ruling of the Supreme Court to ban commercial activity in residential colonies/houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The DDA has reported that during the period from 1.1.95 to 31.11.96, 1428 built up commercial properties have been disposed of. Out of these, 1221 allottees/purchasers have taken possession after completing the required formalities.

(d) The judgement of the Supreme Court relates only to the industrial activity in residential areas. However, wherever any misuse is noticed in residential properties appropriate action under section 14 of DD Act is initiated against the allottee/misuser.

[Translation]

Allotment of Government Accommodation

3923. SHRI GANGA CHARAN RAJPUT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Government accommodation allotted to social workers, journalists leaders or workers of political parties and offices during Mulayam Singh regime in Uttar Pradesh and the market price of these accommodation;

(b) whether the Government propose to cancel such allotments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

FPI in Karnataka

3924. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have submitted any proposals to the Union Government for setting up of Food Processing Industries during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared and the number of food processing industries likely to be set up in the State during 1996-97?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY) : (a) and (b). The Ministry does not set up any food processing industries directly in any State. However, since liberalisation, most of the food processing industries are delicenced and in such cases, the entrepreneur is required to file only an Industrial Entrepreneur Memorandum.

As per information available, since liberalisation, till October, 1996, 89 such IEMs have been filed for setting up food processing industries in Karnataka